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in this Province. Sir, first of all the Constituent Assembly debates on the Constitution to be framed as a Constituent Assembly. Then the draft constitution comes up before the Constituent Assembly as the Central Legislature. Therefore, Sir, Government should welcome this opportunity of knowing the views of this Province in a matter of such vital importance. We should be asked to give our views on the model provincial constitution and the Union constitution as well. In the model provincial constitution, as it is, there are a number of gaps to be filled up; these gaps perhaps can be filled up only when the Union Constitution is ready. Therefore, Sir, we should not discuss what should be the model provincial constitution and whether the report of the Constituent Assembly on the model provincial constitution is correct or not at this stage but we should reserve our remarks on the provisions of the Union Constitution Bill when it comes to us for our opinion. This is the modest request made by the members of this House to the Government. It is a request to convey the strong feeling of the members of this House to the Constituent Assembly that we should be given an opportunity to express our views so that the Constituent Assembly which deals with the draft Constitution Bill may know the views of this House and the other House on the various provisions of the Bill. Sir, my hon. friend, Mr. Adityan, objected to the clause that necessary steps be taken as soon as possible after the draft Bill is transmitted. It is only that when the Constituent Assembly agrees to allow us to discuss the Bill, this Government will have to take necessary steps. It is all a request to the Government to represent our strong feeling to the Constituent Assembly or to those in authority who can influence the decisions of the Constituent Assembly. When the Constituent Assembly agrees that this House can express its views and when the Constitution Bill comes up here for discussion, we request this Government to take necessary steps. Supposing, Sir, there is only a week's time, we request the Government to summon this Legislature immediately so that we may have an opportunity of expressing our views. That is all we are asking. What all we are asking for is that in any particular point in the draft provincial constitution, members on this side of the House should not be committed to any particular view. That is why we request that we should be given an opportunity, and I say, Sir, that even members on the other side of the House do not wish that their mouths should be gagged in a matter like this which vitally concerns everybody. With these few words, Sir, I support the resolution."

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" It is now 5 o'clock. The House now stands adjourned *sine die*."

VII.—PAPER LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

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